

Listing and Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-5. (canceled)

6. (currently amended) ~~The~~ A method of linking terms in an electronic message to program information in an electronic program guide (EPG), said method comprising the steps of: claim 2, further comprising the step of
receiving an electronic message;
comparing terms in said electronic message to terms in the program information of the EPG;
displaying said electronic message so that any terms in said electronic message which have a match in said program information based on said step of comparing terms, are distinguishable from terms which have no such match;
establishing an electronic link between at least one term in said electronic message and any program information which has a match for said at least one term;
and
displaying an electronically generated menu of program identifiers in response to user selection of said at least one term when the match for said at least one term appears in the program information of more than one program, each of the program identifiers corresponding to a respective one of said more than one program and being user selectable to effect implementation of said respective one of said more than one program.

1 7. (currently amended) ~~The~~ A method of claim 2, linking terms in an electronic message
2 to program information in an electronic program guide (EPG), said method further
3 comprising the steps of:

4 receiving an electronic message;

5 comparing terms in said electronic message to terms in the program information
6 of the EPG;

7 displaying said electronic message so that any terms in said electronic message
8 which have a match in said program information based on said step of comparing
9 terms, are distinguishable from terms which have no such match;

10 establishing an electronic link between at least one term in said electronic
11 message and any program information which has a match for said at least one term;
12 and

13 displaying an electronically generated menu of program identifiers in response to
14 user selection of said at least one term when the match for said at least one term
15 appears in the program information of more than one program, wherein each of the
16 program identifiers corresponds to a respective one of said more than one program and
17 is user selectable; and

18 displaying an electronically generated menu of choices in response to user
19 selection of one of said program identifiers, each of said choices being user selectable
20 to effect an action described by each choice, said action being performed with respect
21 to said respective one of said more than one program which corresponds to said one of
22 said program identifiers.

1 8. (original) The method of claim 7, wherein said choices include:

2 displaying of said respective one of said more than one program;

3 recording of said respective one of said more than one program; and
4 displaying of the program information of said respective one of said more than
5 one program.

1 9-13. (canceled)

1 14. (currently amended) An electronic message ~~The interface of claim 10~~
2 adapted to link terms in an electronic message to program information in an electronic
3 program guide (EPG), said electronic message interface comprising:
4 a receiver adapted to receive an electronic message;
5 comparison unit associated with said receiver, said comparison unit being
6 adapted to compare terms in said electronic message to terms in the program
7 information of the EPG;
8 a display device coupled to said comparison unit and adapted to display said
9 electronic message so that any terms in said electronic message which have a match in
10 said program information based on the comparing of terms, are distinguishable from
11 terms which have no such match; and
12 an electronic link between at least one term in said electronic message and any
13 program information which has a match for said at least one term, wherein
14 said display device further is adapted to display a menu of program identifiers in
15 response to user selection of said at least one term when the match for said at least
16 one term appears in the program information of more than one program, each of the
17 program identifiers corresponding to a respective one of said more than one program
18 and being user selectable to effect implementation of said respective one of said more
19 than one program.

1 15. (currently amended) An electronic message ~~The interface of claim 10~~ adapted to
2 link terms in an electronic message to program information in an electronic program
3 guide (EPG), said electronic message interface comprising:

4 a receiver adapted to receive an electronic message;

5 comparison unit associated with said receiver, said comparison unit being
6 adapted to compare terms in said electronic message to terms in the program
7 information of the EPG;

8 a display device coupled to said comparison unit and adapted to display said
9 electronic message so that any terms in said electronic message which have a match in
10 said program information based on the comparing of terms, are distinguishable from
11 terms which have no such match; and

12 an electronic link between at least one term in said electronic message and any
13 program information which has a match for said at least one term, wherein said display
14 device further is adapted to display a menu of program identifiers in response to user
15 selection of said at least one term when the match for said at least one term appears in
16 the program information of more than one program, wherein each of the program
17 identifiers corresponds to a respective one of said more than one program and is user
18 selectable; and

19 wherein said display device further is adapted to display a menu of choices in
20 response to user selection of one of said program identifiers, each of said choices
21 being user selectable to effect an action described by each choice, said action being
22 performed with respect to said respective one of said more than one program which
23 corresponds to said one of said program identifiers.

1 16. (original) The interface of claim 15, wherein said choices include:

- 2 displaying of said respective one of said more than one program;
- 3 recording of said respective one of said more than one program; and
- 4 displaying of the program information of said respective one of said more than
- 5 one program.

1 17. (canceled)